

Son blamed in funeral trial

PASADENA — The undertaker parents of Lamb Funeral Home mortician David Sconce blamed illegal mass cremations, commingling of ashes and dental gold extractions on their son.

Attorney Edward A. Rucker, who is defending Laurieanne



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were done by their son, David. It was done without their permission or knowledge. It's resulted in a great tragedy for them, for a third-generation business and for the families of the deceased," Rucker said.

Kern County officials turned down David Sconce's proposal to build a large crematorium near Shafter in the mid-1980s.

Laurieanne Lamb Sconce, 55, and her husband, Jerry, 58, are standing trial on nine criminal charges alleging that they conducted mass cremations, mixed ashes and unlawfully removed gold teeth and other body parts at the Lamb Funeral Home.

Sconce, told Superior Court jurors Thursday that the illegal acts did occur, but without the knowledge of his client and her husband.

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